

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

CARNEY ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/797,707

FILED: MARCH 10, 2004

FOR: DEVICES FOR COLLECTING ANALYTES OF INTEREST IN TEARS

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of May 12, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 12, 2006. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2965 in the name of Ciba Vision in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-2965 in the name of Ciba Vision.

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Date: September 1st, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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